[Shri Salman Khursheed]

bare, we will certainly take the wishes of the House into account. We have said this even earlier. We stand by this commitment. But we would appreciate so much consideration from the House that the negotiating team that is there should be able to negotiate issue by issue, and it should not appear as though that is being done as a sleight of hand. Whatever conclusions they come to, whatever stage of negotiations they reach would be available to us when we come here for a discussion.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Madam, I would make only one amendment to what the hon. Deputy Minister of Commerce has said. I understand that the international negotiations will not wait necessarily for the Parliament of India to take a view. You might have some compulsions. I would only suggest that when you feel that a critical point has been reached where some commitments have to be made, where the involvement of the Parliament or the direction of the Parliament is necessary, that is the occasion when, I think, the Government will be good enough to call a session of the Rajya Sabha and have the views of the Rajya Sabha.

(Interruptions)

SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED: Madam, I am grateful to the House for the consideration they have shown to the Government in its predicament in international negotiations. I will go further and say that whenever we feel it is necessary and we feel it is important, we will also informally be in touch with the Leaders of the Opposition parties to keep them informed. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: No Leader is empowered to speak for the Party. The Parliament must be called to meet.

(Interruptions)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now that matter is closed.

Now, I have to make an announcement that Mr. Sitaram Kesri, the Minister of Welfare, is going to make a statement about reservation in promotion for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the wake of the judgement of the Supreme Court in Indira Sawhney versus Union of India, and other cases. If the House wishes, the Minister will lay it on the Table of the House.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: No, no, we want to hear him.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Then you will ask for clarifications!

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Yes.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let me make one more announcement. Mr. Balram Jakhar, the Minister of Agriculture, would like to lay on the Table of the Rajya Sabha today, a copy of the Draft Agricultural Policy Resolution.

Draft Agricultural Policy Resolution

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PALIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): Madam, on behalf of Shri Balram Jakhar I lay on the Table of the House the Draft Agricultural Policy Resolution.

श्री प्रमोद महाजन : (महाराष्ट्र) : आप सीताराम केसरी जी के वक्तव्य के बाद रखिये, बाद में ले करिये, अभी कापी नहीं है आपके पास।

उपसभापति : मेरे हाथ में कापी है, मैं उनको दे देती हूं।

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